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In re: application of: Diem; Max et. al.

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For: Method of Characterization of Biological Entities

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Actions dated 8/11/04 , 8/28/04 and 9/03/04, please amend the above-identified application as follows: